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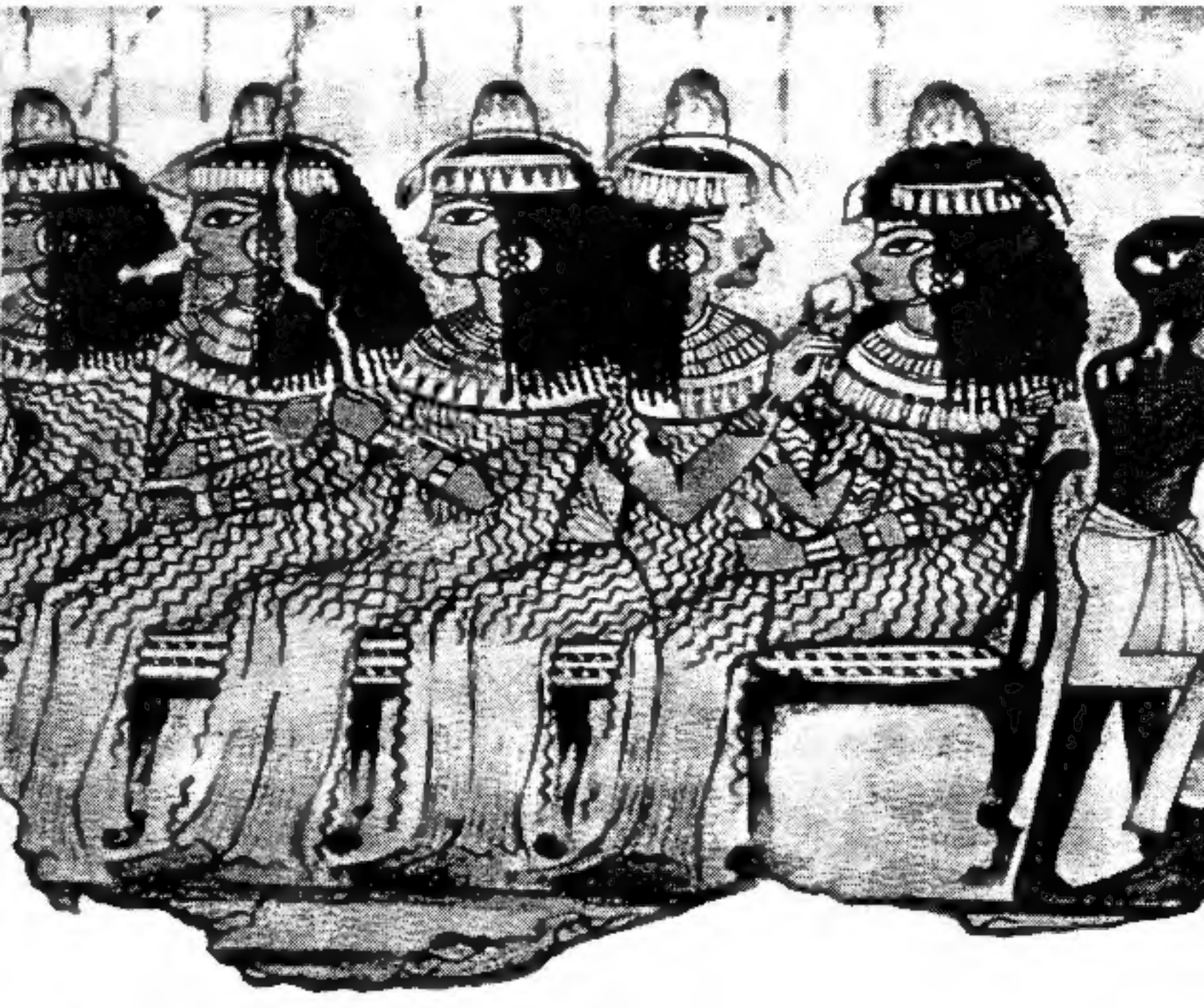
SUMMARY:

While Izumi kidnapped Carol and brought her back to Hittite, Pharaoh Memphis was led to believe that she was being held prisoner in Assyria and led his army across the border to save her.

Unknowingly, he had fallen for King Angon's trap and was captured along with 100 of his men. At the same time, in the Palace of Hittite, Carol communicated with a group of merchants and escaped from Hattusa. Prince Izumi was informed of the news and immediately chased after her...



BOOK 13:

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LAUGHTER!
I HEARD NEWS OF CAREP.
FINALLY, I'VE CAPTURED THE BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER OF THE NILE!

SIR CAREP ...
...HAVE WE REACHED THE MARKETPLACE AT THE BORDER YET?
I'M THIRSTY ...
NO. PLEASE ENDURE THE RIDE FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER.
BEAR WITH IT. IT'LL BE DANGEROUS IF IZUMI'S TROOPS CATCH UP TO US.
THIS PLACE IS A MOUNTAI-NOUS DESERT.
THERE ISN'T A SINGLE PLACE FOR US TO HIDE.

LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY, STUBBORN GIRL...
...IN TEN DAYS, OUR WEDDING WILL TAKE PLACE.
NO! NO, IT CAN'T!
UNTIL THEN, IF YOU ESCAPE, I WILL HAVE THE SOLDIERS EXECUTE YOU!
THEN DO NOT SAY THAT IZUMI IS CRUEL!

HEY, SIR CAREP,
I HEARD NOISES.
PERHAPS THEY'RE CATCHING UP TO US.
THERE IS A CHANCE THAT KING ANGON RUINED MY PLAN. HE HAD PEOPLE INFILTRATE THE PALACE TO GET CAROL OUT. WE CANNOT BELIEVE THAT CUNNING KING.
DON'T WORRY, MY PRINCE, I'VE SENT TROOPS TO GUARD OUR BORDER WITH EGYPT.
BY ALL MEANS, WE MUST STOP THE DAUGHTER OF THE NILE!
IT IS NOT ENOUGH! BLOCKADE OUR BORDER WITH ASSYRIA, TOO!

I DO NOT BELIEVE IT. TODAY, I LET A GIRL OUTWIT ME... NEVER HAS MY PRIDE BEEN SO WOUNDED.
WHEN I CAPTURE HER, I MUST PUNISH HER TO LESSEN MY ANGER!
I FIGURED IT OUT! THE MERCHANTS OFTEN MEET AT A MAJOR MARKETPLACE NEAR THE BORDER.
THE MARKETPLACE IS CROWDED— IT IS AN IDEAL PLACE FOR HIDING.
CAROL MUST BE THERE NOW.
LET'S GO!

FIND OUT IF THERE IS A MARKETPLACE NEARBY WHERE THE MERCHANTS WOULD BE LIKELY TO GATHER.
MY PRINCE, I KNOW OF A MARKETPLACE LOCATED ON AN ISLE NEAR THE BORDER OF THE ASSYRIANS. IT'S FIVE MILES FROM HERE.
GET THERE AND SURROUND THAT MARKETPLACE!
OH, NO! THE HITTITE TROOPS ARE COMING THIS WAY!
HAVE THEY FIGURED OUT OUR PLAN?

MEMPHIS, WHERE ARE YOU? PLEASE LEND ME STRENGTH TO ESCAPE THE ENEMY!
OH! IT SEEMS THAT CAROL IS CALLING ME!
.....
THANK GOD, THE PHARAOH HAS GAINED CONSCIOUS! WE WERE WORRIED...
BEAR WITH IT, YOUR MAJESTY!
I'VE INFORMED GENERAL HONSU AS YOU HAVE ORDERED.

"HA HA HA"
WITH ONLY A FEW LITERS OF GOOD WINE, I'VE EASILY CAPTURED BOTH THE EGYPTIAN PHARAOH AND HIS 100 MEN.
ANGON, I CANNOT BELIEVE IT... A KING LIKE YOU WOULD USE SUCH A LOW AND VILE TACTIC.

I VOW I WILL FIGHT YOU TO THE DEATH, ANGON!
TODAY, YOU USED A DISHONORABLE TRICK TO DESTROY ME. TOMORROW, THAT BAD DEED WILL SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE LAND. EVEN AFTER 1,000 GENERATIONS, YOUR REPUTATION WILL NEVER BE CLEANED!
YOUR HIGHNESS ..
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW?
.....
PLEASE CALM DOWN.
THE PHARAOH WILL FIND A WAY.

THAT TREACHEROUS ANGON DID NOT KEEP HIS PROMISE. HE SHOULD AT LEAST TELL ME OF CAROL'S CONDITION!
I NEED TO KNOW IF SHE IS ALL RIGHT...
YOUR HIGHNESS, I SENSE SOMETHING IS AMISS HERE. CAN WE TRUST ANGON?

IS IT TRUE THAT HE'S REALLY HOLDING QUEEN CAROL?
COULD IT BE A LIE?
WHY WOULD HE LIE TO ME?

SO THAT YOU WOULD LOWER YOUR GUARD AND FALL FOR HIS TRAP!
THERE'S NO EVIDENCE TO SHOW THAT OUR QUEEN IS HERE.

MINLIE IS RIGHT I ONLY HEARD WHAT ANGON SAID.
I NEVER SAW CAROL.
WHAT ABOUT CAROL'S BRACELET?
MAYBE HIS SOLDIERS ACCIDENTALLY PICKED IT UP SOMEWHERE.

ANGON IS A PERVERT
HE WILL NOT LEAVE HER ALONE WHEN HE GETS HER!
SHE IS LOYAL AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ENDURE THAT KING'S CRUELTY.
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S TRUE!
OH, GOD! MINLIE.. I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING TERRIBLE.
WHAT IF ANGON HAS KILLED HER?

I KNOW CAROL'S CHARACTER
SHE WOULD RATHER DIE THAN SURRENDER TO TYRANNY
ANGON! YOU WILL PAY GREATLY IF CAROL IS HURT
FOR A LONG TIME NOW CAROL HAS BECOME MY OTHER HALF
IF I LOSE HER NOTHING WILL MATTER

YOUR MAJESTY, PLEASE DON'T BE SAD! EVERYTHING IS UNCLEAR RIGHT NOW...
MAYBE ANGON HASN'T CAPTURED AND BROUGHT QUEEN CAROL HERE.
ABOUT THE QUEEN... I BEG OF YOU NOT TO BE TOO WORRIED. DON'T FORGET THAT OUR QUEEN IS THE IMMORTAL GODDESS. SHE'S MET WITH DANGER MANY TIMES, YET SHE ALWAYS CAME BACK SAFELY.
MINUE, I AM VERY WORRIED. TELL ME, WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?
I BELIEVE THAT RIGHT NOW HER HIGHNESS IS SOMEWHERE SAFE.
AH... WHAT YOU ARE SAYING RELIEVES ME.
SOLDIERS,
PLEASE FIGHT BESIDE ME UNTIL THE END.
YOUR MAJESTY, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING NOW IS TO FIND A WAY TO ESCAPE.

WE'RE READY!
WE'LL DIE FOR YOU!
FOR OUR BELOVED EGYPT, WE'RE WILLING TO SACRIFICE OURSELVES!
WE VOW TO FIGHT FOR OUR HONORABLE PHARAOH AND QUEEN UNTIL THE LAST DROP OF BLOOD IS LOST!

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General Minoe was partially correct about Carol's situation. It's true that she's still alive, but she may not be safe... At least, not right now.

CAROL! YOU CAN ESCAPE TO HEAVEN AND STILL WON'T GET AWAY FROM ME!

The poor girl; she thought that she was on her way back to Egypt where her beloved Pharaoh Memphis was waiting..

She doesn't know that she has fallen into a trap. Merchant Carep, the one she considered her savior, is actually a professional human trafficker.

He's about to bring her to Assyria, into the hands of the deceitful Angor to get his reward.

How sad the human world is... There are always bad people waiting to harm the innocent.

LUCKY THEY DIDN'T TAKE AWAY OUR WEAPON...

PROBABLY THEY'RE TOO CONFIDENT WITH THEIR METAL GATE.

FOR NOW, WE SHOULD JUST LAY LOW

WE'LL PRETEND TO BE WORTH-LESS SO THEY'LL BE OFF GUARD

WE WILL WAIT FOR WHEN THE TIME IS A RIPE, THEN WE'LL DELIVER THE BLOW.

I STILL THINK ANGON WOULDN'T DARE TO DO ANYTHING TO ME IF ANY-THING HAPPENED TO ME, EGYPT WON'T LEAVE HIM ALONE.

IMHOTEP IS STILL A THREAT TO OUR BORDER COUN-TRIES!

TRUE!

ANGON HAS TO BE AFRAID!

FOR NOW, WE HAVE 900 SOLDIERS WAITING OUT-SIDE THE CASTLE

CAPTAIN HONSU KNOWS THAT I WAS DRUG AND TAKEN AS PRISONER..

HE'LL SEND A MESSAGE TO EGYPT AND WILL CONSTRUCT A PLAN TO DEAL WITH THIS!

?

SHH! IT LOOKS LIKE THE GUARDS ARE OPENING THE DOOR!

UNDER-STAND?

NO MATTER WHAT HAP-PENED, STICK TO THE PLAN.

BELOVED PHAROAH MEM-PHIS...

OUR KING WANTS TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN HIM IN THE DINING HALL FOR A MEAL!

WHAT? ANGON WANTS TO INVITE ME TO EAT WITH HIM?

WHAT IS HE PLANNING?
DOES HE WANT TO EMBARRASS ME BEFORE THE ASSYRIAN OFFICIALS?
YOU'RE ALLOWED TO BRING ONE GUEST, BUT BOTH OF YOU MUST GO WITHOUT WEAPONS.
THAT IS THE LAW OF OUR COURT.
DON'T GO, YOUR HIGHNESS!
DO NOT WORRY, ANGON WILL NOT KILL ME.
YOUR HIGHNESS!
YOUR HIGHNESS, PLEASE DON'T BELIEVE HIM...
NO! THIS IS MY CHANCE TO GET CLOSE TO ANGON.
I CAN ASK ABOUT CAROL THEN.
LET ME GO; IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT
HIGHNESS!
DO NOT BE CONCERNED ABOUT ME, MINUE.
IF I DO NOT GET CLOSE TO ANGON, IT WILL BE HARD TO GET ANY NEWS ABOUT CAROL.
I UNDERSTAND
I'LL GO WITH YOU.
BUT YOUR LEG STILL HURTS, DOES IT NOT?

IT'S JUST A SMALL MOUND
ALL RIGHT COME WITH ME
WHERE IS THE BANQUET ROOM?
YES THIS WAY
PLEASE LET ME GO WITH YOU, TOO
ZUKITO, YOU CANNOT
ONLY ONE MAY FOLLOW
I'M SO WORRIED
WHAT IF
HMPH!
THE PALACE'S STRUCTURE
IS EXACTLY LIKE A TRAINING CAMP
THIS WAY
WHERE COULD THEY HAVE IMPRISONED CARUL?

MINUE! WHAT IS WRONG?
CAN YOU CONTI-NUE?
I'M JUST A LITTLE DIZZY... PLEASE DON'T BE TROUBLED.
SHH, THERE ARE SOLDIERS HIDING BEHIND THOSE DRAPES...
PLEASE BE CAREFUL.
HM... I SAW THEM.
WELCOME! PHARAOH MEMPHIS, THANK YOU FOR COMING HERE.
I WAS WORRIED THAT YOU WOULDN'T ACCEPT MY INVITATION.
HYPOCRITE... THIS MEMPHIS IS NOT A COWARD LIKE YOU THINK.
NOW, LET SEE WHAT YOU ABOUT TO DO?

WHAT IS THIS BANQUET FOR, KING ANGON?
I HOPE THAT IT IS NOT FOR POISONING ME...
COME NOW...
HMPH! WHAT A PERVERT. HE IS SURROUNDED BY MANY CONCUBINES AND IMPERIAL MAIDS WAITING TO SERVE HIM.
WHY ARE YOU SO TENSE, PHARAOH?
I'VE ALWAYS WISHED TO TALK TO THE ALMIGHTY EGYPTIAN PHARAOH.
NOW, I HAVE THE CHANCE.
I AM HONORED.
JERK! JUST SAY WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY!

ANGON, I AM IN YOUR HANDS... WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
"HA HA HA" MEMPHIS STILL DOESN'T KNOW THAT I'M USING HIM AS BAIT TO CAPTURE A BIGGER FISH-QUEEN CAROL!
BY NOW, CAREP MUST HAVE BROUGHT HER ACROSS THE BORDER SAFELY.
ANGON, I WISH I KNEW WHAT YOU WERE THINKING...
MY PLAN IS ALMOST COMPLETE.
"HA HA HA"
GUARD, BRING MORE MEAT AND WINE!
DOES HE REALLY HAVE CAROL?
OR IS IT JUST A MENTAL DE-CEPTION?
I STILL DO NOT KNOW

MY BE-LOVED CAROL,
I RISKED MY LIFE TO COME HERE FOR YOU.
WHY ARE YOU STILL MISSING?
I MISS YOU SO MUCH! WE HAVE NOT SEEN EACH OTHER FOR A WHILE...
HEY, WHY ARE YOU SO INATTENTIVE... LIKE SOMEONE WHO LOST HIS WIFE? HM?
BE HAPPIER!
NOW, DRINK A GLASS WITH ME.
THIS WINE HAS NO POISON.
YOUR HIGHNESS, PLEASE LET ME DRINK IT INSTEAD!

NO! I REQUEST TO HAVE THIS DRINK WITH THE EGYPTIAN PHARAOH!
HE IS PROVOKING ME...
I APOLOGIZE I AM NOT USED TO DRINKING THIS WINE
"HE HE HE"
IF PHARAOH DOESN'T DRINK, THEN QUEEN CAROL WILL BE PUNISHED!
WHAT?!
I FORBID YOU! DO NOT TOUCH QUEEN CAROL!
"HA HA HA" COME NOW ...
DON'T FRET JUST YET!
YOU MUST LOVE CAROL VERY MUCH ...
SO? DO YOU WANT TO SEE HER?
DO NOT PROVOKE ME OR YOU WILL PAY FOR IT!

THIS HAS MANY MEANINGS IN A REAL WOMAN'S
HOW STRANGE
I WONDER HOW BEAUTIFUL SHE IS
ALL RIGHT! I WILL DRINK THIS GLASS OF WINE— ARE YOU SATISFIED NOW?
WE...? DRINK IT
SERVANT FILLED HIS GLASS!
ANGON, I WILL ACCEPT ALL YOUR CONDITIONS...AS LONG AS I GET RELENT NEWS OF CAROL!

DRINK MORE, MEMPHIS! DRINK UNTIL YOU'RE DRUNK...
OBVIOUSLY, HE IS TRYING TO MAKE ME DRUNK
I WANT TO SEE YOU EXTREMELY DRUNK!
FASTER, SIR CARER...
I'M GOING AS FAST AS I CAN
OVER THERE! WE'VE REACHED THE MARKETPLACE ...
HOW LUCKY FOR US... WE'VE ESCAPED!
MARKETPLACES LIKE THIS HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED IN AN ARCHEO-LOGY BOOK...

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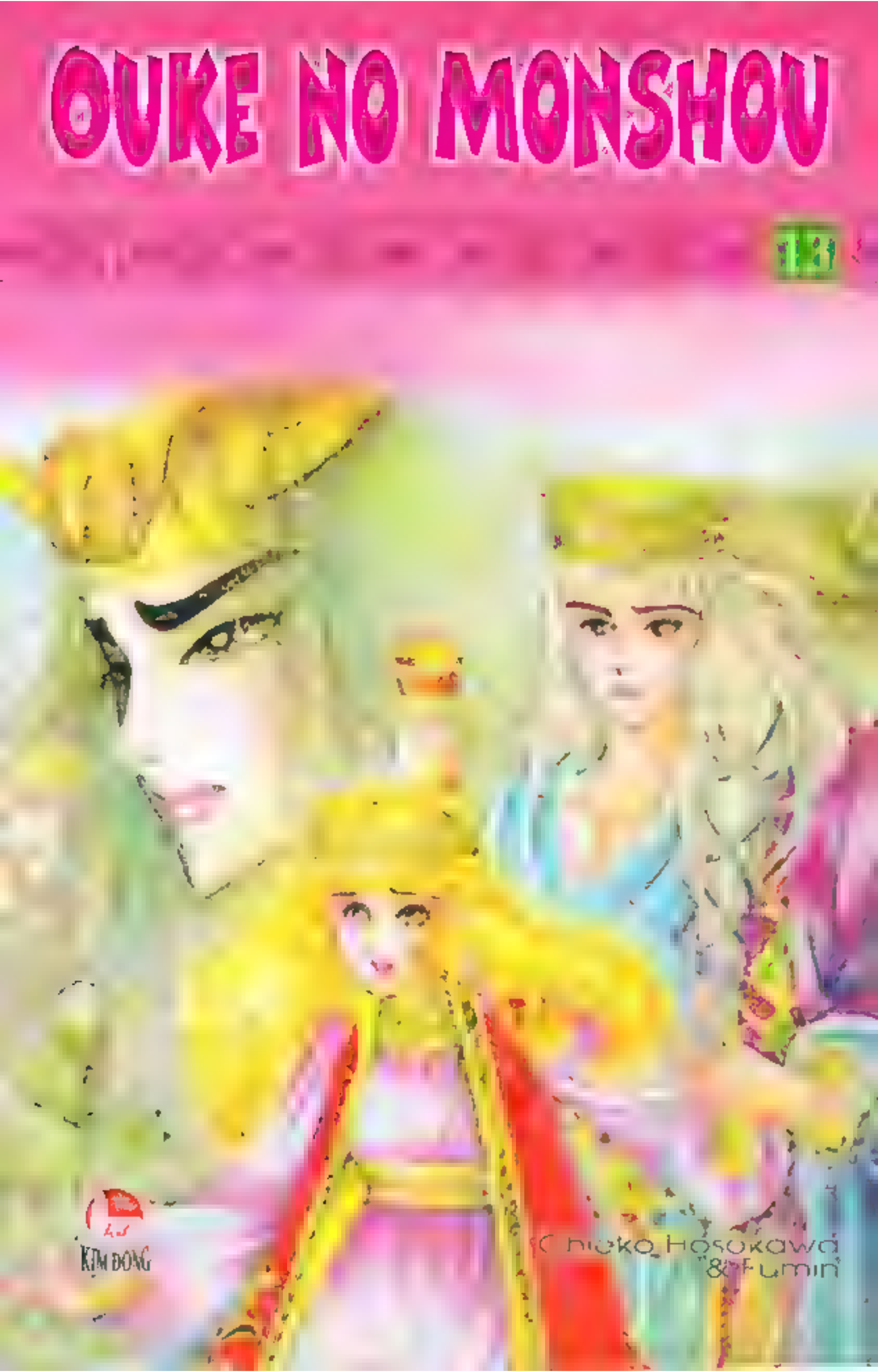

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HURRY, MY QUEEN!
THE SOLDIERS ARE COMING!
I KNOW
WE'LL MIX IN WITH THAT GROUP OF MERCHANTS—
REMEMBER TO COVER YOURSELF UP SO THEY WON'T RECOGNIZE YOU.
THAT CLOUD OF DUST OVER THERE...
IT MUST BE THE HITTITE SOLDIERS.
THEY'LL ARRIVE IN A FEW MINUTES ..
SIR CAREP, WHY ARE YOU SO SLOW?
ARE THE PREPARATIONS COMPLETE?

GO IN THE TENT, CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES, AND REMEMBER TO COVER YOUR HAIR!
ALL RIGHT
THEY'RE COMING!
HURRY!
SIR CAREP HAS SO MANY FRIENDS
SURROUND THE MARKET-PLACE!
SEARCH EVERY CORNER!
LOOK CAREFULLY AT THE WOMEN!
OH! IT'S IZUMI!
HE LED TROOPS TO FIND ME HIMSELF ...
THEY'VE PREPARED EVERYTHING.
HEY, GIRL, COVER YOUR ARMS AND FEET WITH MUD.
HURRY, THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME.
NOW YOU LOOK LIKE A BOY.

DO NOT MISS ANYONE...
LOOK EXTRA CAREFULLY AT THE WOMEN WITH THEIR FACES COVERED!
REMEMBER TO SEARCH THE GOODS THAT ARE CAPABLE OF HIDING PEOPLE INSIDE!
IT'S PRINCE IZUMI!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A WOMAN WITH HER FACE COVERED.
BUT EVERYONE HERE HAS THEIR FACE COVERED.
SHH, SIT STILL AND PRETEND TO WEAVE THAT BASKET!
BUT...
..I DON'T KNOW HOW TO WEAVE!

THE DAUGHTER OF THE NILE IS HIDING IN THIS MARKET-PLACE ...
BE SURE TO SEARCH THOROUGHLY. IF IT'S NECESSARY, UNEARTH EVERY BUSH ON THIS ISLE TO FIND THAT GIRL.
YOU LADIES, STOP RIGHT THERE!
UNCOVER YOUR FACE NOW!
OH!
OH, GOD... PRINCE IZUMI IS FURIOUS.
I'LL BE DEAD IF HE CATCHES ME NOW!
YOUR HIGH-NESS!
UNCOVER THAT LOAD OF GOODS!
OH, NO!
SIR, THERE IS ONLY FABRIC.
I HOPE HE WON'T COME OVER HERE! *SNIFF SNIFF*

THE PRINCE WILL REWARD 1,000 GOLD COINS TO ANYONE WHO CATCHES THE GIRL.
1,000 GOLD COINS?
BUT THE CAPTIVE MUST BE ALIVE.
NO ONE IS TO BEAT OR INJURE THE GIRL.
OH, GOD! THAT'S AN ENORMOUS REWARD!
1,000 GOLD COINS ...
?
THAT'S ENOUGH MONEY TO LIVE IN LUXURY FOR A LIFETIME.
WOULD ANYONE EXPOSE US?
HEY, YOU TWO. DID YOU SEE A GIRL WITH GOLDEN HAIR PASSED THROUGH HERE?
SHE'S A FUGITIVE.
SIR, I DIDN'T SEE HER.
CAROL, DON'T TURN AROUND!
WE'RE DONE FOR IF THEY SEE YOUR BLUE EYES!

SOB SOB IF THEY CATCH ME...
...THEY'LL BEHEAD ME AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE MARKETPLACE.
PRINCE IZUMI ALWAYS KEEPS HIS WORD!
IT'S ALL RIGHT!
THEY LEFT!
STAY HERE. I'LL HELP SIR CAREP.
OKAY.
I HOPE THEY WON'T COME BACK.
SNIFF SNIFF
SPLASH!
?
OH, NO! SOMEONE'S KID FELL INTO THE RIVER!
OH! HE'LL DROWN!

DON'T BE AFRAID— I'M COMING!
"COUGH COUGH" MOMMY...
YOU'RE SAFE!
OH, GOD, MY SON!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
HE'S OKAY. HE ONLY DRANK A FEW SIPS ...
OH, THANK GOD— THANK YOU FOR SAVING MY SON!
YOU'RE WELCOME.
THE BOY IS SAFE!
OH... YOU'RE ..
OH, NO!
I'VE BEEN DISCOVERED!

I MUST RUN— SHE'LL EXPOSE ME!
OH, THAT BOY...
OH! SOMEONE HAS PRETENDED TO BE ME TO FOOL THE SOLDIERS.
I'LL TAKE THIS CHANCE AND HIDE!
AFTER HER!
HURRY!
REPORT!
SOMEONE INFORMED US THAT A WHITE-SKINNED GIRL WEARING A VIOLET HAT JUST PASSED THROUGH HERE.
HM... IT IS HER!

YOU'RE SO FOOLISH! WHO TOLD YOU TO SAVE THE BOY?
WE WERE ALMOST EXPOSED BECAUSE OF YOU!
BUT
IT'S OKAY—JUST CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES. WE'RE LEAVING
LET'S MOVE QUICKLY
KING ANNAN MUST BE WAITING ANXIOUSLY FOR THE GIRL.
"HE HE HE" I'LL BE RICH WITH THE REWARD THE KING'S GOING TO GIVE ME
AND THEN I'LL QUIT BEING A MERCHANT AND BECOME A MANDARIN INSTEAD!
THE BOAT IS WAITING
THEY'LL COME BACK WHEN THEY FIND OUT THEY WERE FOOLED
DON'T WORRY
WE'LL TAKE A DIFFERENT ROUTE AND USE A BOAT TO CROSS THE BORDER

TURN LEFT!
SIR CAREP IS SO SMART.
I'LL ASK MEMPHIS TO REWARD HIM RICHLY.
OH, MY BELOVED EGYPT ...
I'M COMING HOME!
"HA HA HA"
SHE'S SO NAIVE!
I'M WORRIED ABOUT MEMPHIS AND GENERAL MINLIE... I WONDER IF PRIME MINISTER IMHOTEP HAS FOUND A WAY TO SAVE THEM?
IF HE'S HURT, I'LL BE SAD!
IT WAS A GIRL WITH WHITE SKIN DISGUISED AS A BOY ..
?
SHE SAVED MY SON ...

?
THEY MUST BE TALKING ABOUT CAROL!
WHAT ABOUT THE GIRL WEARING VIOLET HAT?
OH, GOD! THE PRINCE WAS TRICKED!
MY PRINCE ...
PLEASE TURN BACK— DON'T CHASE AFTER HER IN VAIN!
WE'VE BEEN TRIC-KED!
WHAT IS IT, RUKA ?
THE DAUGHTER OF THE NILE WENT NORTH.
?
THE VIOLET HAT IS AN IMPOSTER...THEY CHANGE THE PERSON SO THEY'VE MORE TIME TO ESCAPE...
ARE YOU SURE?

OH, GOD!
I AM AN IDIOT!
IZUMI, NORMALLY YOU ARE RATIONAL!
WHY ARE YOU SO CONFUSED TODAY?
THAT IS RIGHT— PERHAPS I AM SO SMITTEN WITH THAT GOLDEN HAIRED GIRL...
...TO THE POINT OF INCOHERENCE!
OH, GODDESS OF LOVE, ISHTAR...
WHY DID YOU LET ME FALL INTO SUCH A SITUATION?

THEY WENT NORTH.
THEN THEY MUST PASS ANATOLIA VALLEY.
.....
AFTER PASSING THROUGH ANATOLIA VALLEY, THEY'LL MEET TIGRIS RIVER, ALSO A BORDER OF ASSYRIA...I'VE UNDERSTOOD THEIR INTENTION!
SPREAD OUT THE TROOPS! SEARCH THOROUGHLY ALONG TIGRIS RIVER— STOP EVERY BOAT THAT YOU SEE!

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The chase has come to its climax.

As Izumi realizes that he's fallen in love with Carol, she escapes...

CAROL...ON ONE HAND, I YEARN TO HUG YOU...ON THE OTHER HAND, I WANT TO CRUSH YOU TO EASE MY ANGER!

HURRY! STOP THEM BEFORE THEY BOARD THE BOAT!

As for naïve Carol, she thought she was safe and on her way back to Egypt. She was unaware that she had fallen into a trap.

I WISH I COULD GROW WINGS NOW...

...TO FLY OVER MOUNTAINS AND ACROSS THE OCEAN TO GET BACK TO MY BELOVED EGYPT!
THE PLACE THAT HAS BECOME MY SECOND HOMELAND AFTER AMERICA.
IT'S ALSO THE PLACE WHERE I MEET MY STRONG AND CONFIDENCE PHARAOH..
UH, WHAT IS IT, SIR CAREP?
STOP!
SOMEONE'S FOLLOWING US!
PERHAPS IT'S A GROUP OF MER-CHANTS.
THEY'RE NOT MER-CHANTS!

CAREP, YOU'RE RIGHT—THERE'S A GROUP OF PEOPLE CHASING AFTER US!
M-NO DOUBT IT'S HITTITE'S TROOPS!

HOW CAN THEY TRAVEL SO FAST?!
PERHAPS THEY WENT THROUGH SHORTCUTS TO STOP US.
I THOUGHT WE HAD ESCAPED!
PRINCE IZUMI IS VERY ASTUTE; WE CAN'T IGNORE HIM!

SHH, IT'S THEM!
THERE ARE SO MANY!

THE PRINCE SAYS THAT WHOEVER CAPTURES THE DAUGHTER OF THE NILE ALIVE WILL BE PROMOTED!
WE'RE ALSO ALLOWED TO KILL THOSE WHO DARE TO HELP THE DAUGHTER OF THE NILE ESCAPE!

I'VE GOTTEN YOU ALL IN TROUBLE!
OH, NO!

IZUMI REALLY IS MILITIA GENIUS...HE KNOWS WELL EVERY CORNERS OF HITTITE LAND...
HE ALSO POSSESSES THE INSTINCTS TO FIGURE OUT HIS OPPONENT'S MOVES
..
HOW IS IT?
SEARCH THOROUGHLY. THEY MUST BE AROUND HERE!
DANGE-ROUS.
THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM...
I HOPE THE DARK CAN HIDE US.
SNIFF SNIFF
HOW UNFORTUNATE! CAN I AFFORD TO BE CAPTURED -- WHEN I'VE COME THIS FAR?

[illegible]

WE'VE SEARCHED EVERYWHERE, BUT WE STILL CAN'T [illegible]

KEEP LOOKING; [illegible] THIS WHOLE AREA LIT UP LIKE DAY-TIME!

[illegible] IT IS ALSO THE SHORTEST AND THE IMMIGRANTS OFTEN CHOOSE THIS PART TO CROSS.

THE GIRL IS WEAK, SHE CANNOT CROSS THE RIVER WITHOUT HELP. SHE MUST HAVE ACCOMPLICES IN THE SURROUNDS [illegible]

SEARCH THE RIVER'S BANKS, BLOCKADE THIS AREA COMPLETELY, AND DO NOT LET ANY BOAT THROUGH!
HURRY!
GET THE BOATS!
OH, NO!
I'VE NEVER SEEN IZUMI THIS FURIOUS.
"SNIFF SNIFF"
IF NEEDED, SMOKE THE FIELD TO GET THE RATS RUN LOOSE!
YES, SIRE!
MOBILIZE 100 BOATS; SEARCH EVERY BUSH ON THE BANKS!
WE'RE DONE FOR!
THEY'VE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED US...
STAY CALM!

IT SEEMS THE PRINCE HAS BECOME SO SMITTEN WITH YOU THAT HE HAS BECOME CRAZY.
PRINCE IZUMI HAS ALWAYS BEEN A LOGICAL PERSON. HE LOVED MILITIA STRATAGEMS AND NEVER CARED MUCH FOR WOMEN.
YET, IT'S A LITTLE STRANGE THAT THIS TIME, HE WENT IN SEARCH OF THE GIRL HIMSELF...
MAYBE WE SHOULD SURRENDER ...
DON'T THINK THAT!
EVEN IF WE SURRENDER NOW, THEY'LL STILL KILL US!
THIS IS DANGE-ROUS!
WAITING IS BEST. .
WHAT IF I SURRENDER WHILE YOU TWO FLEE?
NO! WE PROMISED TO COMPLETE OUR MISSION!
THE SITUATION IS GETTING MORE DANGEROUS ..
I'LL JUST LEAVE IT UP TO FATE!
HEY—
SHH, THEY'RE COMING!

WE'RE DONE FOR!
LET'S RUN!
IT'S USELESS TO RUN NOW!
THE SOLDIERS HAVE SURROUNDED US COMPLETELY. TO RUN MEANS DEATH!
HE'S RIGHT.
IT'S OVER NOW. WE'RE TRAPPED!
OH, NO! THEY'VE SPOTTED US...
SHH, PREPARE TO FIGHT!
FAREWELL, EGYPT.
MY DREAM OF RETURNING ENDS HERE ..
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THEY'RE GOING TO SACRIFICE THEMSELVES FOR ME.
NO! I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO SHED ANY BLOOD FOR ME.
SIR CAREP, YOU'VE WORKED TOO HARD FOR ME.
BOTH OF YOU SHOULD RUN.
I'LL FIGHT THEM ALONE.
?
LET ME USE THAT KNIFE.
WAIT!
?
?
AH— HEY!

SHH, SIR CAREP, WE'VE COME TO GET YOU!
THANK GOD, WE'RE SAVED!
HURRY! WE LEFT THE BOAT OVER THERE.
LET'S GO!

DON'T WORRY, THEY'RE OUR PEOPLE.
WHAT A RE-LIEF!

THANK YOU, GODS!

WERE YOU REALLY GOING TO FIGHT THEM TO SAVE US?
OF COURSE! THAT ACT CAN'T COMPARE TO WHAT YOU'VE ALREADY DONE FOR ME.

WHY ARE YOU JUST STANDING THERE? DISGUISE YOURSELF AND LET'S GO!

BEAR IT FOR A WHILE— WE'RE ALMOST FREE.
LIE LOW!
I WILL.

IF WE JUST DON'T TALK ABOUT IT, WE WON'T BE EXPOSED!
AND, THOSE WHO REBELLED AGAINST KING WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE BECAUSE THEY WENT IN

YOUR HIGHNESS, WE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND ANYONE SUSPICIOUS.
RIDICULOUS! THEY CANNOT ESCAPE FROM OUR BLOCKADE.
MAYBE THEY WERE SO SCARED THAT THEY HID SOMEWHERE
THE SUN WILL RISE SOON AND THEY WILL BE EXPOSED.
YES, YOU'RE RIGHT.
ONE OTHER SITUATION THAT CAN HARDLY OCCUR: THEY MAKE USE OF THE DARK TO SWIM ACROSS THE RIVER!

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RUKA!
YES?
ROW THE BOAT ALONG THE RIVER AND CALL HER NAME. YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO CATCH HER.
HURRY!
YES!
I'M GOING.
HM...I HOPE CAROL STILL HASN'T REALIZED THAT I'M PRINCE IZUMI'S SUBORDINATE.
MY BELOVED EGYPT...
I'M COMING HOME!
HEY, DO YOU SEE ANYONE SUSPICIOUS?
NO. WHAT ABOUT YOU?
SHH, THE PRINCE IS COMING!
ACT NATURALLY

I HOPE WE CAN GET OUT IZUMI'S OBSERVANT VIEW QUICKLY
AFTER THIS WE'LL REACH THE SWAMP
HOW STRANGE
WHERE HAS SHE DISAPPEARED TO?
HUH? THAT GUY LOOKS LIKE RUKA!
!
?

HOW ODD
I THOUGHT I HEARD CAROL'S VOICE.
DAUGHTER OF THE NILE,
WHO ARE YOU?
GODDESS OR DEVIL?
EVER SINCE I MET YOU,
I HAVE NOT BEEN MYSELF.
I HAVE BECOME SOMEONE ELSE...
EVEN I DO NOT UNDERSTAND MYSELF!

HEY!
WHY DOES THAT BOAT ...
STOP THEM!
GO AFTER THEM QUICKLY BEFORE THEY GO DEEPER INTO THE SWAMP!
THEY ARE OVER THERE!
YES!
DAMN IT! WHY DID I NOT PREDICT THAT ROUTE BEFORE?!

HURRY! QUICK!!

THEY HAVE THEIR BOAT INSIDE THE SWAMP GOING DOWNSTREAM BEFORE THEY CROSS THE RIVER!

CLEARLY IT WAS A CLEVER SCHEME THAT EXCEEDED ABOVE MY EXPECTATIONS

ONLY CAROL COULD HAVE THOUGHT OF SUCH A DARING PLAN!

SERVANT, GIVE PHARAOH MEMPHIS MORE WINE.

"SNIFF SNIFF"

DON'T DRINK ANYMORE YOUR HIGHNESS

YOU'RE DRUNK

WHO SAYS I AM DRUNK?
SNIFF SNIFF
MINJIE, DO NOT STOP ME. I WANT TO DRINK TO FORGET EVERYTHING.
WITHOUT CAROL, I DO NOT WANT TO LIVE ANYMORE!
VILE ANGON! HE SEEMS SMUG IN GETTING ME DRUNK.
GIVE HIM MORE WINE!
HE CAN HOLD HIS WINE WELL.
OH? MEMPHIS DOESN'T LIKE WINE...SO WHY... IS HE DRINKING SO MUCH TODAY?
I MUST STOP HIM!
HEY, HEY... DO NOT THINK THAT I AM DRUNK.
JUST YOU WAIT ..

WHEN I HEARD CAROL WAS MISSING, I DRANK MORE THAN THIS.
FILL UP MY GLASS!
KEEP DRINKING— I WILL FOLLOW YOU!
DRINK MORE!
"HA HA" LOOK AT MY IMPORTANT GUEST
HE'S ALREADY DRUNK!
"SNIFF SNIFF"
JUST WAIT, ANGON, YOU WILL PAY!
YOUR HIGHNESS, DO YOU HAVE A PLAN?
PLEASE LET ME KNOW!
BROTHER! ANGON..
PLEASE STOP WHAT YOU'RE DOING!
SILENCE!
THIS IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!
HE IS SHAN, ANGON'S BROTHER.

ACT NOW, MINUE!

KICK!

RAH!

AH! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

ANGON! I HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU DISRESPECTING ME!

AH!

STAND STILL!

HELP ME!

YOUR HIGHNESS!

OOF!

TAKE THIS, YOUR HIGHNESS!

THANK YOU!

OUT OF MY WAY!

YOU DARE TO STOP ME?

I'M DYING!

AH!

DON'T KILL ME!

ANGON, ORDER YOUR SOLDIERS TO GET BACK!

I AM HOLDING YOUR BROTHER SHAN CAPTIVE.

PLEASE DON'T KILL ME!

DO YOU WANT ME TO KILL HIM?

BRING QUEEN CAROL OUT. WE WILL EXCHANGE PRISONERS, AGREED?

OH ...

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO, YOUR HIGHNESS ?

AH... PFF

WELL, ANGON? I WILL GIVE YOU ONE MINUTE TO THINK BEFORE REPLYING!

SNIFF SNIFF

BROTHER, SAVE ME...

HA HA

HA HA HA HA

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ANGON?
KILL HIM!
WHAT?
YOU WANT TO KILL SHAN...
...THEN DO IT
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
SHAN IS YOUR BROTHER!
IT'S ALL RIGHT— HE MEANS NOTHING TO ME.
YOU WICKED, INHUMAN. .HAVE YOU LOST YOUR HUMANITY? SHAN IS YOUR BLOOD, IS HE NOT?
THE RUMOR WAS NOT FALSE. . ANGON DOES ANYTHING TO PULL HIMSELF UP!

ANGON, THINK WISELY... WOULD YOU EVEN SACRIFICE YOUR OWN BROTHER?
HA HA HA
I'VE NEVER LIKED THAT USELESS BROTHER OF MINE. IF YOU KILL HIM NOW, I WON'T HAVE TO DO IT.
At the same time, in the capital of Thebes...
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
PHARAOH MEMPHIS AND GENERAL MINUE HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED BY ANGON?
IT CANNOT BE!

I TRIED TO STOP HIM FROM THE BEGINNING BUT MEMPHIS WOULD NOT LISTEN...

PHARAOH'S LIFE IS IN GREAT DANGER!

GATHER ALL THE MANDARINS FOR A MEETING!

The water level of the Nile has been rising very slowly that year. The Egyptians are worried that a drought is coming.

However, they're even more concerned about Pharaoh Memphis's life and the vanishing of their Queen Carol, the Egyptians' beloved goddess...

ANGON IS A POISONOUS SNAKE; HE TOLD SO MANY LIES. WE CANNOT BE-LIEVE HIM.

OH, GODDESS OF THE NILE RIVER, EGYPTIANS' GOOD MOTHER, PLEASE PROTECT OUR PHARAOH AND OUR QUEEN!

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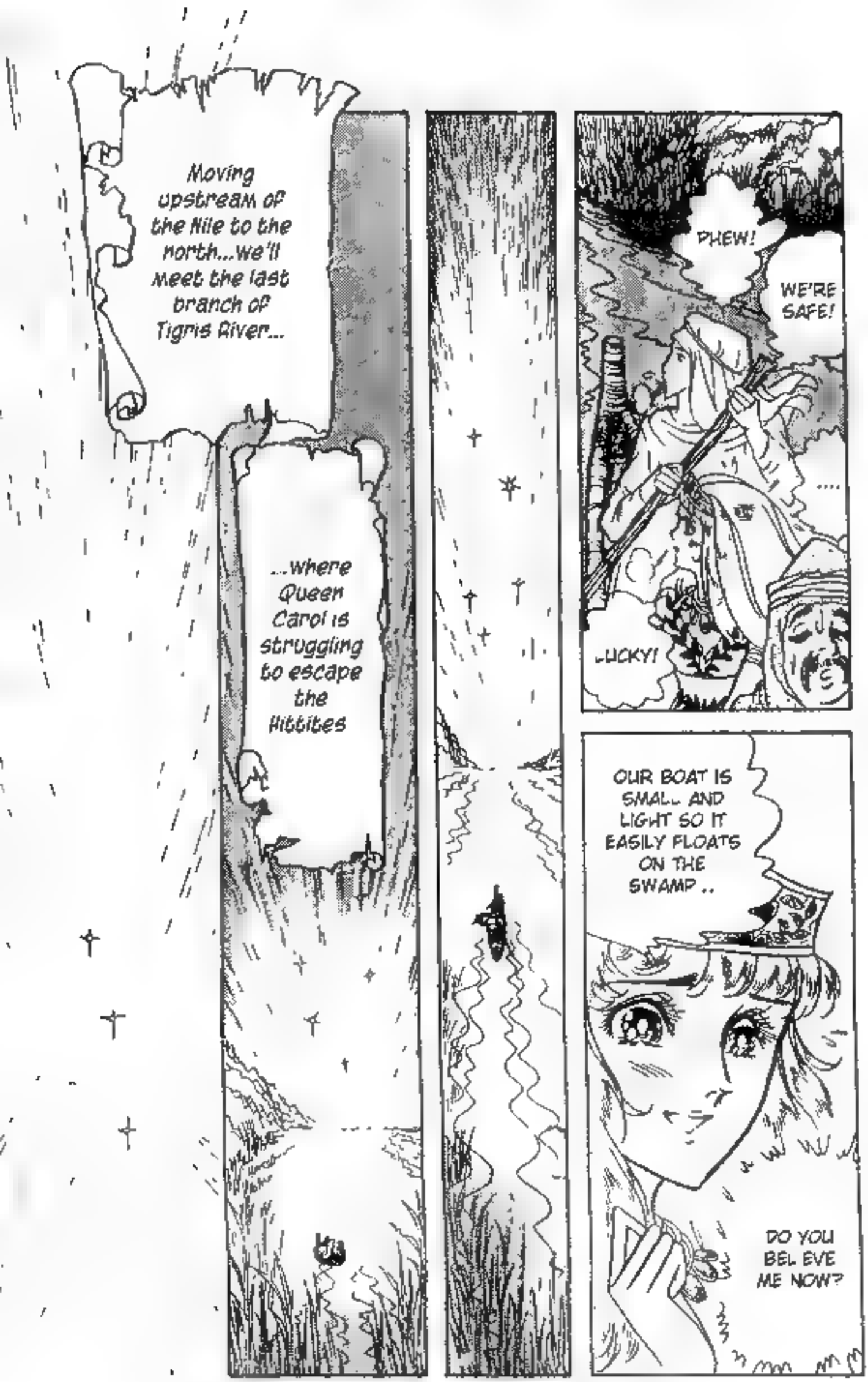
OUKE NO MONSHOU


Moving upstream of the Nile to the north...we'll meet the last branch of Tigris River...
...where Queen Carol is struggling to escape the Hittites
PHEW!
WE'RE SAFE!
LUCKY!
OUR BOAT IS SMALL AND LIGHT SO IT EASILY FLOATS ON THE SWAMP..
DO YOU BELIEVE ME NOW?

YES, YOUR HIGHNESS' PROPHESIES ARE RIGHT!
HA HA HA ...I'M IN AWE!
LET'S KEEP GOING!
FREEDOM AT LAST!
PASSING THROUGH THIS ESTUARY BRING US TO THE NILE RIVER.
WE'RE RETURNING HOME.
Poor Carol...
She doesn't know that she's very close to the capital of the Assyrians...
OVER THERE!
THE ESTUARY!
HOORAY!
I'M SO NERVOUS!

BELOVED NILE RIVER.. I'M COMING HOME TO YOU!
AFTER DAYS OF SEPARATION!
I'LL MEET PRIME MINISTER IMHOTEP, AND MAKES PLANS FOR SAVING MEMPHIS.
I'M SURE THAT ANGON DOESN'T DARE TO HARM HIM ..
HE'S STILL AFRAID OF EGYPTIAN'S ARMY!
SIR CAREP!
PLEASE ROW FASTER.
I MISS THEBES...
AND EVERYONE VERY MUCH!

WHY DOES THE BOAT GO SO SLOW?
chuckle...
YOU MUST LET US REST A LITTLE BIT!
DANGER HAS PASSED; PLEASE DRINK THIS CUP OF HOT TEA!
TEA?
OH, IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE DRANK HOT TEA!
THIS TEA TASTES STRANGE I'VE NEVER HAD IT BEFORE!
STUPID GIRL, THERE ARE ENOUGH SLEEPING PILLS IN THAT TEA FOR YOU TO SLEEP UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING...

UNCLE CAREP... I PITY THIS LITTLE GIRL.. PERHAPS I SHOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN PART IN THIS BUSINESS...
After finishing drinking the tea, Carol fell asleep... without knowing that she was brought into the capital of the Assyrians by professional traffickers...
IDIOT! JUST IN A FEW DAYS OF WORK, WE'VE MADE ENOUGH GOLD TO LAST A LIFETIME... WHY ARE YOU STILL CRITICAL?
IF YOU'RE STILL SO CONSIDERATE WHEN YOU DO THIS KIND OF BUSINESS, YOU CAN ONLY EAT BRAN!
LET'S GO!

In her fitful sleep, Carol dreams of meeting pharaoh Memphis again... who is still as charismatic as ever
OH GOD .. SO YOU'RE SAFE ..YET I THOUGHT.
sob...sob...

sob
I'M SO HAPPY MEMPHIS...THEN THE WICKED MAN HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO HARM YOU..

STOP CRYING CAROL. .LIKE YOU ONCE SAID.. TYRANNY CAN NEVER CONQUER US!
HEY!
THEY'RE PICKING US UP!
PREPARE TO TAKE HER ON LAND!
HEY NOW!
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING TO SAD?

JUST HELP ME NOW . THEN I'LL GIVE YOU ENOUGH MONEY TO BUILD A HOUSE AND GET MARRIED!
ENOUGH!
MOVE ASIDE!
?
HELLO!
WHY DID YOU TAKE SO LONG CAREP?
HUH? MUST WE PUT HER INTO A COFFIN?
YEAH, KING ANGON ORDERS US TO!
BECAUSE EGYPTIAN TROOPS ARE STILL OBSTRUCTING THE ENTRY TO THE CAPITAL. IT'LL BE TROUBLESOME IF THEY SEE!
OKAY, I UNDER-STAND!
SO THIS IS THE DAUGHTER OF THE NILE THAT EVERY COUNTRY TRYING TO GET!
SHH! WATCH YOUR TONGUE!
LIGHTLY
IT'LL BE BAD IF SHE GETS SCRATCHED!

HEY GUYS...I SEE NOTHING SPECIAL IN HER TO MAKE PEOPLE WANT HER?
SHUT UP!
I HEARD THE EGYPTIANS WORSHIP HER.
SEE HER AS GUARDIAN GODDESS OF THE LAND!
SO WHEN SHE'S KIDNAPPED, THE WATER OF THE NILE RIVER IS SAD AND DOESN'T RISE ANYMORE. MAKING FARMING THERE A FAILURE!
COVER THE COFFIN. EVERYTHING IS OVER IF THE EGYPTIANS FIND OUT!
WE WILL ENTER THE PALACE USING A CIRCULAR ROUTE
A LITTLE FAR, BUT SECURE!
WHERE IS THIS?
?

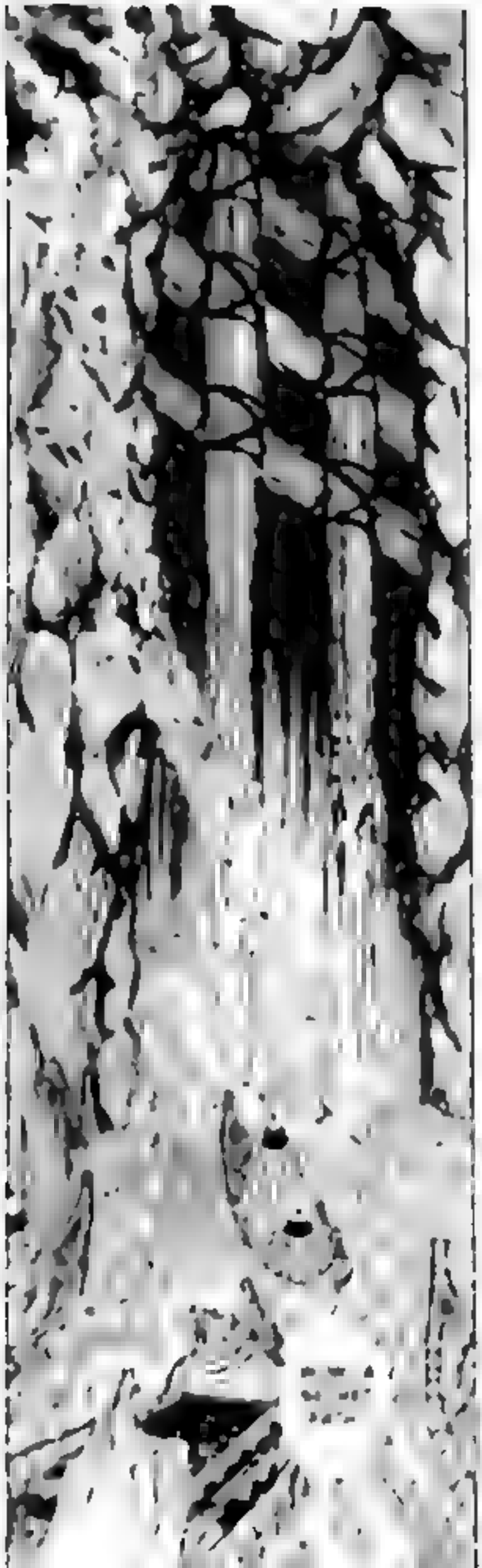
WAIT FOR ME...
MEMPHIS .WAIT FOR ME...
HMN, MUST GO AGAIN!
DON'T COMPLAIN ANYMORE!
THE EGYPTIANS ARE WAITING FOR US!
THEY'VE BARRED THE ENTRANCE TO THE CAPITAL, AND ASKED FOR REINFORCEMENT!
REALLY?

HEY, THE PATH AHEAD CAN'T BE PASSED!
TURN AROUND!
?
WOW, EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS ARE EVERY-WHERE..
THERE IS A CHANCE OF WAR ERUPTING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES!
THE ACE OF THE WAR IS THE DAUGHTER OF THE NILE, HELD IN OUR HANDS.
I PUT A LOT OF EFFORT IN DOING THIS, I CANNOT TURN BACK...
I MUST GET INTO THE PALACE, AND DELIVER THE "GOODS" TO THE KING AND GET MY REWARD!

DAMN IT! IT'S OUR LAST MOVE, YET WE HAVE TROUBLE WHAT BAD LUCK...
I SENSED THAT WE WOULD FACE MORE DIFFI-CULTIES...
PAPER CHECK!
STOP!
HEY! YOU TWO!
LUCKY! THEY'RE ASSYRIAN SOLDIERS!

OUKE NO MONSHOU

I'M THE MERCHANT CAREP!
?
I HAVE MY PASS-PORT!
OH! SPECIAL PAPER FROM KING ANGON?
HEY!
WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU ARE CAREP?
YES! PLEASE REPORT TO THE KING!
MERCHANT CAREP HAS FINISHED HIS JOB, AND BROUGHT THE "GOODS" SAFELY HERE.
BECAUSE THIS IS A PRECIOUS GOOD, I BEG TO DELIVER IT TO THE KING PERSONALLY!
nervous laugh...
SAFE!
PLEASE FOLLOW US!
THANK YOU!



POOR GIRL!
SHE'S STILL
SLEEPING,

chuckle...
THIS IS MOST PROFITABLE TRANSACTION IN CAREP'S LIFE!
ANGON, YOU REALLY ARE THE DEVIL WEARING AN ANGELIC MASK!
MEMPHIS... MEMPHIS. .
HOW ARE YOU?
. .

WHAT'S WRONG, MEMPHIS? YOU THREATENED TO KILL MY BROTHER..WHY HAVEN'T YOU ACTED? WHY ARE YOU SHAKING SO? SCARED OF MURDER? SIN?
LAUGHTER
...
THAT'S RIGHT! I CAN'T KILL INNOCENT PEOPLE!
SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? WHY NOT SURRENDER?
LAUGHTER
YOU HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE!

ANGON! CAROL IS INNOCENT... PLEASE RETURN HER TO EGYPT...
I'LL STAY HERE...YOU CAN TORTURE, CONFINE. .OR QUARTER ME ANY WAY YOU WANT!!!
snicker...
THE CHARISMA OF A KING.
ANGON, I BEG OF YOU...
TOO LATE, MEMPHIS!
CATCH HIM!
TROUBLE!
THE PHARAOH IS FIGHTING WITH ASSYRIAN SOLDIERS!
WHAT DO WE DO?

SURRENDER!
THOSE COWARDS, MANY AGAINST ONE!
smiting
DO WE JUST KEEP ON SITTING STILL LIKE TH S?
LET'S BREAK DOWN THE GATE AND GO HELP HIS HIGHNESS!
THAT'S RIGHT!
BANG!
BANG!
HEY
WHAT'S UP?
ALERT!
BROTHERS, ATTACK!
THE GATE HAS COLLAPSED!
HURRY!
FIND THE WAY OUT, AND REPORT THIS TO GENERAL HONSU.
UNDERSTOOD!

CLANK!
ANGON, YOU COWARD...
I'M NOT SO STUPID AS TO AGREE TO A SWORD FIGHT WITH YOU
Stricker...
IF YOU HAVE THE GUTS, ACCEPT A SWORD AND FIGHT WITH ME!
BESIDES, YOU HAVE WEAKENED.. IF I WIN, THE VICTORY STIL- ISN'T VERY GLORIOUS!

LIAR!
YOU ARE ONLY GOOD AT CONSPIRING TO HARM PEOPLE...
YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT SWORDS MAN-SHIP!
snicker...
YOU'RE STILL YOUNG AND YOU STILL NEED TO LEARN A LOT FROM ME!
snicker...
"INTELLIGENT BEINGS" LIKE ME GAIN VICTORY BY USING OUR SMART MOUTH, NOT BY SWORDSMANSHIP!
HUH?
WHAT?
ATTACK!
MEMPHIS IS GOING TO BE KILLED!

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WE WILL SACRIFICE OUR LIVES FOR PHARAOH MEMPHIS!
CHARGE!
DESTROY THE DEFENSE LINE!
KILL ALL OF THE ASSYRIANS!
REPORT! REPORT!
THE EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS HAVE BROKEN THE ENTRANCE AND THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY HERE!
YOU DAMN USELESS BASTARDS! IS THAT HOW YOU GUARD THE ENTRANCE?!
YOUR MAJESTY AND GENERAL MINUE, WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU!
GOOD!
GO FIND THE QUEEN FOR ME!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THE SITUATION HAS TURNED FROM BAD TO WORSE!
DAMMIT!
YES, SIR!
I SHOULD HAVE SEIZED ALL OF THEIR WEAPONS BEFOREHAND,
IT'S PARTLY BECAUSE I THOUGHT TOO LITTLE OF THEM.
THEY ONLY HAVE 100 ARMED MEN — THAT ISN'T ENOUGH TO DO ANYTHING!
SURROUNDED THEM, AND DESTROYED THEIR FORCES.
NOW, ATTACK!
WAIT UNTIL CAROL IS IN MY HANDS FIRST!
YOU HAVE TO CAPTURE MEMPHIS ALIVE! DON'T KILL HIM!
SOMETHING IS WEIRD.
?

DAMN, THAT GIRL'S SUPPOSED TO BE IN MY HANDS BY NOW...
WHAT DID HE JUST SAY?
SIR...
I THINK HE'S ANGRY BECAUSE CAROL DOESN'T BELONG TO HIM YET
THAT MEANS CAROL IS NOT CAP-TURED YET!
WE WERE TRICKED BY ANGON!
IT DEFI-NITELY IS A MALI-CIOUS TRAP. .
MINLIE, NOW I UNDER-STAND!
HE USED US AS BAIT TO LURE CAROL HERE! THAT IS WHY HE DID NOT KIL. US YET!
WHAT?!

THAT MEANS ANGON KNEW THAT CAROL WAS STILL ALIVE.
HE WAS CERTAIN THAT SHE WOULD COME HERE...
. AFTER SHE HEARD THAT I GOT CAPTURED!
NO WONDER WHY I KEEP HEARING HER VOICE CALLING OUT ..
I AM JUST GLAD THAT SHE IS ALIVE!
AS LONG AS SHE DOES NOT FALL INTO ANGON'S TRAP...
YES!
RIGHT NOW, OUR MOST IMPORTANT POLICY IS TO ESCAPE THIS PLACE AS FAST AS POSSIBLE!
HOPEFULLY, GENERAL HONDO AND HIS TROOPS ARE STILL WAITING OUTSIDE AND READY TO FIGHT!

EVERY-BODY, FOLLOW ME!
HURRY AND FIND A WAY OUT OF HERE!
WHOEVER GETS OUT FIRST, GO TO GENERAL HONDO AND TELL HIM TO GIVE US A HAND!
DAMN, HE FIGURED OUT MY PLAN AL-READY .
IT LEFT US NO CHOICE BUT TO CHANGE OUR COURSE TO A DIFFERENT DIRECTION...

OUKE NO MONSHOU

I NEED THE BODY OF THE KING OF EGYPT!
KILL HIM!
OH, GOD, MEMPHIS IS IN GREAT DANGER
THAT IS THE EXIT!
HURRY, MINJE!
SHOOT HIM!
HE'S OVER THERE! SHOOT HIM!
DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN!
WE'RE LUCKY THAT WE'RE PRETTY FAR AWAY FROM THE SHOOTING RANGE.

THE HORSES ARE HERE!
MY MEN WILL ATTACK THE ENTRANCE!
STOP!
DO NOT TRY TO STOP ME!
OH!
YOU FOOL! HOW CAN YOU LET HIM GET AWAY SO EASILY?!
GO AFTER HIM!
YOUR MAJESTY, WE HAVE IMPORTANT NEWS!
TOO LATE, ANGON! SEE YOU NEXT TIME!

MAJESTY, THE MERCHANT CAREP JUST RETURNED!
CAREP IS BACK?
AND?
HE GOT THE "ITEM" YOU ORDERED.
WHAT? HE GOT CAROL ALREADY?
LISTEN HERE, MEMPHIS! WE JUST KIDNAPPED THE GIRL WITH BLOND HAIR, THE TREASURE OF EGYPT, YOUR MOST BELOVED QUEEN!
FABULOUS!
THIS TIME, THE VICTORY BELONGS TO ME!
CAREP, YOU DESERVE A GREAT AWARD!
WHAT?!

HE'S IN OUR SHOOTING RANGE. CHARGE!

AH! MINJE, I AM INJURED!

....

YOUR MAJESTY! NO!
POOR THING
PLEASE DON'T DIE!

DON'T WORRY, HE'S NOT DEAD YET!
ALL OF YOU! TAKE MEMPHIS AND HIS MEN DOWN TO THE PENITENTIARY... HANDCUFF HIS HAND AND FEET, AND I'LL DEAL WITH HIM LATER!
"HA HA" IT'S FORTUNATE THAT I WAS ABLE TO CHANGE THE OUTCOME OF THIS BATTLE!

WHERE IS CAMEL?? TAKE ME TO HIM!
YES SIR
NOW LET ME SEE THE FACE OF THAT LITTLE BRAT!
WHERE AM I??
I GIVE IT A GREAT JOB!
WHERE'S MY "LOCATOR"?
IT'S IN HERE SIR
WHY IS IT SO DARK HERE?

HEY, CAREP! WHY IS IT SO STILL?
IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO MY ORDER, YOU BETTER PUT YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE.
SIR.
PLEASE DON'T WORRY.
SHE'S UNCONSCIOUS RIGHT NOW, BUT SHE'LL WAKE UP VERY SOON!

ALRIGHT, I'LL WAIT UNTIL SHE'S AWAKE AND THEN OPEN THE COFFIN. THAT WAY IT'S WAY MORE FUN AND EXCITING!
THIS COFFIN IS ESPECIALLY MADE FOR HER BOTH SIDES HAVE HOLES FOR VENTILATION AND THE BOTTOM WAS COVERED WITH A VERY SOFT ANIMAL SKIN

HEY I JUST HEARD HER SOFT CRY.
IT'S TIME TO OPEN THE COFFIN.
PLEASE DO AS YOU WISH
ARE WE IN EGYPT?
CAREP WHY IS IT SO DARK HERE?
OH! IT'S SO BRIGHT
YES. THAT'S HER!

BLOND HAIR, BLUE EYES. .
?
...
"HA HA HA" SHE TRULY IS THE GODDESS OF EGYPT!
?
NOW, COME WITH ME, LITTLE ANGEL!
I'VE BEEN WISHING FOR YOU. .
AND MY WISH HAS FINALLY COME TRUE!
OH, MY GOD! IS THIS A NIGHTMARE?!
YUCK!
?

AAAH!
THE PER-VERTED ANGON!? NO WAY...MY NIGHTMARE ...HAS COME TRUE???
SAVE ME!
SOME-ONE HELP ME!
THERE IS NO POINT IN SCREAMING THIS IS KINGDOM ASSYRIA!
STRANGERS ARE NEVER ALLOWED TO COME IN HERE.

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?!
I WAS SUPPOSED TO GO BACK TO EGYPT!
CAREP! EXPLAIN WHAT IS GOING ON!
CAREP, I'M REWARDING YOU WITH DOUBLE THE ORIGINAL PRICE.
TAKE IT.
!
CAREP, COULD IT BE. .
THANK YOU, YOUR MAJESTY!
YOU'RE SO GENEROUS ..
OH, MY GOD. .
YOU SOLD ME TO ASSYRIA PEOPLE?

OUKE NO MONSHOU

ANSWER ME!
YES, MA'AM!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I TRUSTED YOU!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE A GOOD PERSON! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT .
EVERYONE HAS TRICKED ME ..WHY?! WHY?! WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!
OH, MY, PLEASE DON'T BE SO FURIOUS. .
DON'T TOUCH ME!
OOPS, SORRY I FORGOT THAT THE WOUND ON YOUR SHOULDER ISN'T COMPLETELY HEALED, YET.
DON'T WORRY, I'LL GET THE BEST PHYSICIAN TO TAKE CARE OF YOU
LET ME CARRY YOU TO THE ROOM!
NO!

LET GO OF ME!
BASTARD!
"HE HE" I WON'T LET YOU GO!
MEMPHIS!
WHERE ARE YOU?!
MEMPHIS! PLEASE SAVE ME!
DAMN! SHE BIT ME!
THAT'S THE NILE GOD-DESS?!
THE PERSON THAT ALL THREE KINGS WORSHIP AND ENVY IS THIS GIRL?!
I FINALLY GOT TO SEE HER!

WHERE ARE THE GUARDS ?!
"SOB, SOB"
CAPTURE THE GIRL FOR ME!
?
MEMPHIS! WHERE ARE YOU? ARE YOU STILL ALIVE OR ARE YOU DEAD?

MEMPHIS!
CAN YOU HEAR MY CRIES FOR HELP?
MEMPHIS! HELP ME!
I ALREADY TOLD YOU TO STOP RUNNING!
THAT'S HER!
STOP!
OH, NO! THE GUARDS ARE FOLLOWING ME!
HM..
WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT HER LOOKS THAT ALL THE GUYS FALL FOR HER?

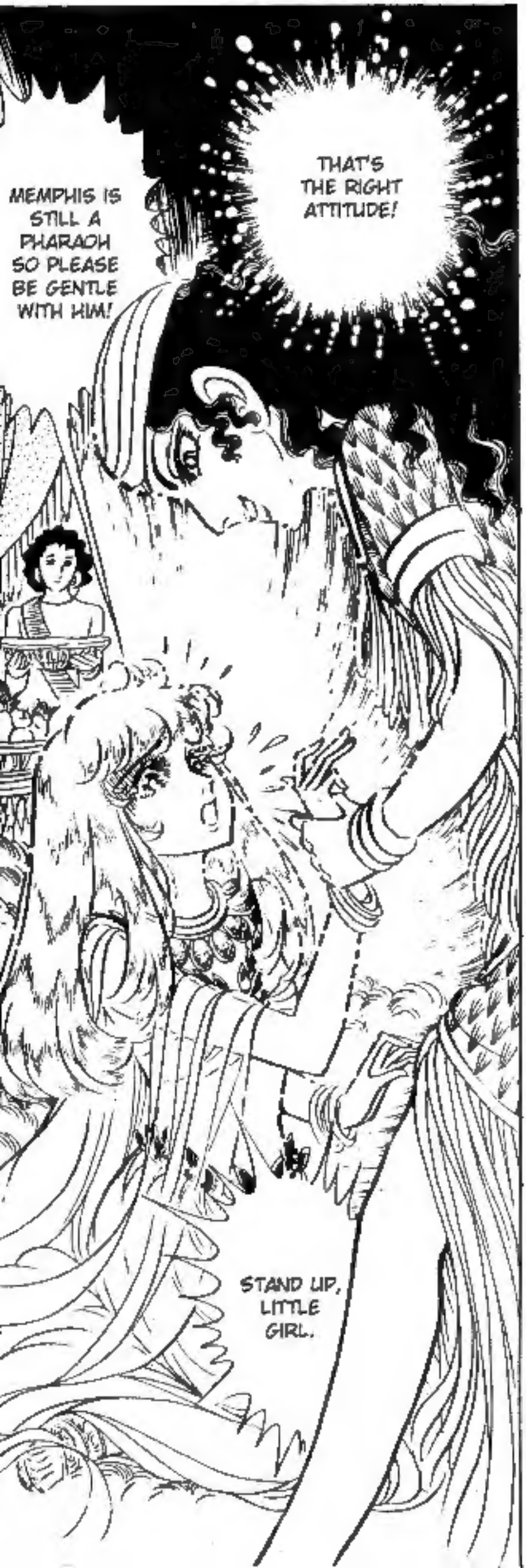
WAIT.
JUST LET HER RUN. I WANT HER TO SEE THOSE CORPSES.
OH, MY GOD!
THE EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS!
?
THAT'S RIGHT!

THEY'RE ALL DEAD!
I'M SORRY ..
QUEEN CAROL..
?
SOLDIER! YOU..
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE ALIVE!
IT'S REALLY YOU..
YES, I'M HERE
OUR GOD-DESS..
"HA HA"
LAY STILL; I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOUR WOUNDS.
PHARAOH.. IS INJURED IN THE BASE-MENT
PLEASE HELP ..
OH! SOLDIER! WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

PLEASE.. HELP PHA-RAOH.
?
HE'S DEAD..
!

BAS-
TARD!
LET GO
OF ME!
WHAT'S
WRONG?
*SOB
SOB*
THESE HANDS
KILLED THOSE
EGYPTIAN
SOLDIERS!
OH, COME ON,
IT WASN'T ME
WHO DIRECTLY
KILLED THEM,
RIGHT?
THEY'VE
SEARCHED
FOR THEIR
OWN DEATH!
WHERE DID
YOU INCAR-
CERATE
MEMPHIS?
DON'T
WORRY, I'LL
LET YOU SEE
HIM SOONER
OR LATER!
WHEN?

MAYBE TOMORROW ..OR THE DAY AFTER THAT
WHAT IS HIS TRICK THIS TIME?
BUT, IT COULD BE NEVER...IF YOU DON'T SHOW YOUR RESPECT TO ME!
OH! PUT ME DOWN! I CAN WALK!
MEMPHIS' LIFE DEPENDS ON YOU!
ANGON, PLEASE DON'T HARM MEMPHIS!


MEMPHIS IS STILL A PHARAOH SO PLEASE BE GENTLE WITH HIM!
THAT'S THE RIGHT ATTITUDE!
STAND UP, LITTLE GIRL.

WHERE WERE YOU GUYS?
GET THE WINE READY.
I'LL LET YOU PARTY ALL NIGHT!
WHAT ABOUT THE EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS THAT ARE STAYING OUTSIDE OF OUR CITY?

DON'T WORRY, MEMPHIS IS STILL IMPRISONED; THEY CAN'T DO ANYTHING.
THEN WHAT THE SOLDIER SAID WAS TRUE!

STOP!
IF YOU RUN AWAY, MEMPHIS WILL LOSE HIS HEAD!
WHAT?!
PLEASE DON'T KILL HIM! I WON'T GO ANYWHERE!
THAT'S GOOD.
...
PHARAOH IS INJURED...
HE'S IMPRISONED IN THE BASEMENT... SAVE PHARAOH...
PLEASE SAVE HIM..
MEMPHIS, PLEASE HANG ON..
I'LL DO EVERY-THING I CAN TO SAVE YOU...

...
PHA-
RAOH!
PHA-
RAOH!
PHA-
RAOH,
IT'S
ME!
PLEASE
WAKE
UP...
...

IT'S MINUE!
...
PLEASE WAKE UP!
...
I AM STILL ALIVE?
OH, GOOD! PHARAOH IS AWAKE!
GENERAL...
...
WHAT IS THIS?!
THEY IMPRISONED ME?!